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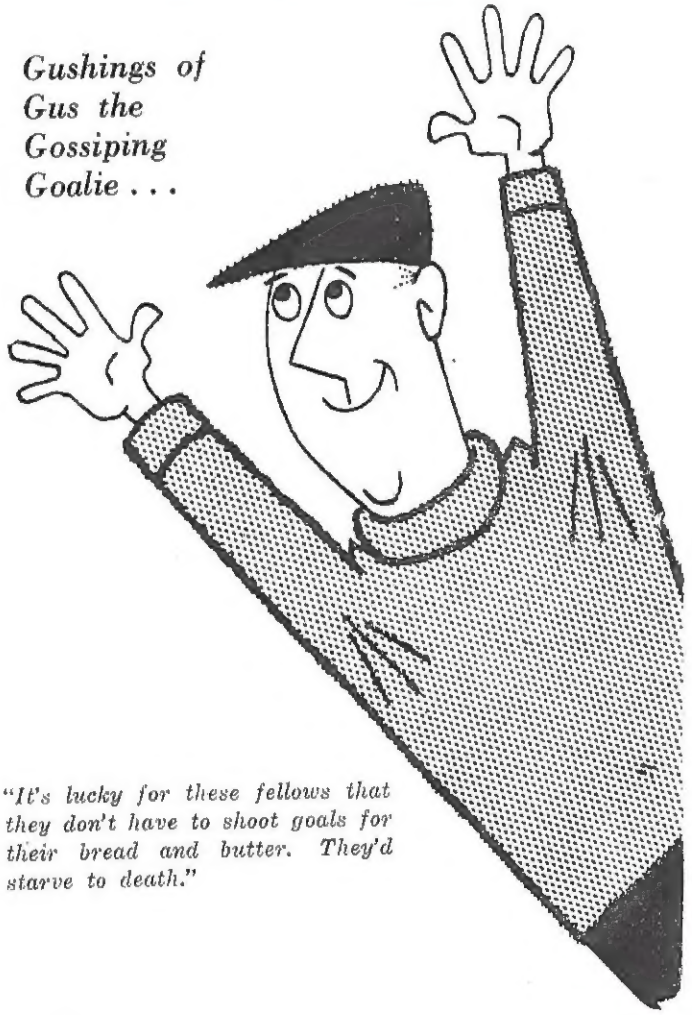

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How They Stand in Sydney

With four rounds to go, the current leaders appear safe for the "final four."

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Prague . . .	19	1	0	92	27	39
APIA	14	4	3	57	29	32
Corrimal . .	14	3	4	37	30	31
Hakoah	11	5	6	47	34	27
Canterbury .	11	1	9	48	36	23
Syd.-Aus. . .	9	5	7	37	39	23
Auburn . . .	8	4	9	58	56	20
Nth. Side . .	5	8	9	34	46	18
Granville . .	5	7	9	49	50	17
Budapest . .	7	3	12	50	70	17
Gladesville .	6	8	5	35	25	16
Balgownie .	4	5	12	35	52	13
Bankstown . .	3	4	15	31	73	10
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CUP CHAMP MALTA MEETS SCOTLAND SUNDAY

High Scores Likely When Highlanders Play Islanders

says "HAMPDEN"

High scores are likely when the first quarter-finals of the Laidlaw World Cup are played at Olympic Park this Sunday, August 23.

The Islanders from Malta and the Highlanders from Scotland meet at 3 p.m.

Bustling forwards are expected to dominate play at both ends of the pitch, and if they play up to expectations, plenty of goals and goal-square thrills should result.

There is particularly lively interest in this match because the winner, whether it turns out to be Malta or Scotland, will be fancied to win the Cup.

Changes Sides

George Cross winger BILL COPELAND, seen here heading a sharply angled goal, will play for Scotland against his regular league teammates who will be representing Malta in Sunday's World Cup match.

GRAND SLAM?

Winner in 1958, the holder Malta is anxious to make it two in a row.

In fact, Malta's sponsor George Cross and its players are aiming at a clean sweep this year—Sun Cup, World Cup, State League Cup, and Dockerty Cup—and the team is bound to rise to heights in keeping with its lofty ambitions.

Scotland will not be over-awed by the Maltese successes and ambitions. however—the Scots will fight "fire" with "fire," and this year they have the team to do it.

With the three Bills in the front line — Bill Bell, Bill Blackley, and Bill Copeland — plus Alex. Beattie in the centre, Malta's mighty pivot Vin Muscat and his full-backs should be kept very, very busy.

RUMOUR OF NEW STARS

There are whispers going about that two more star players have arrived from Malta and are training with George Cross. The club will neither confirm nor deny these rumours, but if the players exist, it would be interesting to see them on the field in this week's World Cup match.

Sunday's early match, which kicks off at 1.30 p.m., will be between Australia and Poland.

This match will offer a contrast between Poland's crisp, short-passing game and Australia's dashing, robust type of play.

The Polish players' only weakness is their habit of trying to "walk" the ball, far too casually, through their opponents' defence, but the class of their game is undeniable.

In both of these quarter-finals, the winners are hard to pick.

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SCOTLAND'S SIDE LOOKS GOOD

The team that will take the field against Malta in Sunday's World Cup quarter-final will probably be selected from the following:—

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THOMAS	McVEAN
BERRY	COPELAND.

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CLUBS COULD LOSE POOL BONUS

Failure to Pay Accounts May Be Costly

Metropolitan League clubs who have not met their financial obligations to the Association by the next meeting of the State Council may be ruled ineligible to participate in the pool of money which comes from the "tax" on Sunday matches at Olympic Park.

Over 30 per cent. of clubs in the First and Second Divisions still owe the Association fees and debits which were due at the beginning of the season five months ago.

In addition, they now owe substantial amounts for "Soccer News" and sundry items.

These clubs have either overlooked or ignored many reminders about the necessity for prompt payment of these debits. Hence the Council may bar them from a share of the pool.

This would prove to be expensive neglect on the part of delinquent clubs, because indications at this stage of the season are that the pool will yield nearly £20 per club if it is divided equally between 40 clubs.

EXTRA WORK

"Clubs that do not pay their debits promptly cause me a great deal of extra paper work," Mr. Stuart Beaton, Secretary-Manager of the Association said last week. "This wasted time could be usefully employed in many other ways."

Other clubs that have been adjudged guilty of maladministration or serious disciplinary lapses may also miss out on a share of the pool.

The Executive Committee is expected to bring this matter before the State Council in the near future.

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CHRIS ROGERS IMPROVING

Former referee and present Life Member of the Referees' Association, Mr. Chris. Rogers, who, with Mrs. Rogers, suffered serious injuries when they were knocked down by a car, is making slow progress toward recovery at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. Jack Hadfield, President of the Referees'Association, said earlier this week after a visit to the hospital that, unless unexpected complications arose, both Mr. and Mrs. Rogers would be out of danger and would improve steadily.

Advises Prompt Payments

Mr. Stuart Beaton, Secretary-Manager of the V.A.S.F.A., last week confirmed the rumour that the Council may act to bar delinquent clubs from a share of the pool money.

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The crowd of 95,000 which saw England Schools defeat German Schools 2-0 at Wembley recently established a world record for a schoolboy match — and got its money's worth, too. The German boys played very clever football, but the English boys blended slightly better as a team. It was 60 minutes before Ashe of Brierley Hill scored with a hot ground drive. England's second goal came from a penalty, which, strangely enough, was converted by another Brierley Hill boy, Baker.

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BILLY STEEL, the maestro of Scottish soccer until five years ago, is now coach of the club known as the CANVASBAKS in the United States. Billy's boss is big industrial chief Wornock McElwaine, and according to him, Steel is still a wizard with the ball. Inside forward Steel played for DUNDEE and was capped for Scotland on numerous occasions.

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Until matches are arranged which may prove otherwise, PRAGUE of Sydney will be regarded as Australia's ace team. .All of its players are internationals—except one. He is an Australian, has never played for Australia—yet he is the Captain of the side! .He is 27-year-old KEN HIRON, who started his soccer career with CAMPERDOWN Juniors at the tender age of 10. To skipper successfully a team which includes Austrian internationals Bamgartner, Jaros, Ninaus, Tamandl, Schwartz, Saghi, and Schienflug, plus Australian representative players Kevin O'Neill, Ron Lord, and Stuart Sherwin, particularly with language difficulties, would require a tactical genius who is also a front-rank diplomat. Judging from his success, Ken Hiron must be just that!

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BILLY WRIGHT HAS RETIRED! The WOLVES and England have thus lost a great skipper and a great centre-half. Billy started with the Wolves and finished with the Wolves —his only club. He joined the club 20 years ago as a ground-staff boy. After being told he was through because, at 5 feet 2 inches he was considered too small, the manager relented and kept him on. Since he became one of England's most notable players, we doubt whether that manager ever regretted his decision. Wright has been capped for England over 100 times, the first time against Belgium in 1946. He also earned a Cup winner's medal when he led the Wolves to victory in the Cup Final of 1949.

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BLACKPOOL is still seeking a right-winger good enough to fill the boots of STANLEY MATTHEWS when that inevitable day arrives that will bring the announcement of the retirement of The Master. Latest gossip has it that Blackpool is showing more than a passing interest in wee JOHNNY HAMILTON, Hearts' outside-right, who recently played in Melbourne. If readers wish to find out just how good Johnny is, ask MIKE REZUIK, J.U.S.T. and Victorian left full-back.

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Speaking of players with whom local fans are familiar, it is said that ROY GRATRIX, who toured Australia with BLACKPOOL last year, is a likely replacement for Billy Wright in the stopper spot for England during the coming season.

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International outside-right HELMUT RAHN, who has played 32 times for Germany, makes very little out of the game. It is said that his monthly nett return from soccer would not exceed £25. Helmut is no subject for sympathy, however—he does pretty well financially as an agent for a giant scrap-metal firm.

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People responsible for the administration of the proposed new European Inter-League soccer competition had maybe better co-opt a full-time diplomat for their management committee. It was certainly not tactful for them to suggest that IRELAND be represented by only one team—a merger of the IRISH LEAGUE and the LEAGUE of EIRE! Both Irish bodies will fight this suggestion tooth and nail, for sure!

How fast does a well-driven soccer ball travel? Measurements taken indicate that the world record belongs to young MANCHESTER UNITED and ENGLAND centre - forward BOBBY CHARLTON. One of his shots reached the velocity of 80 miles per hour!

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Mention of Manchester United reminds us about the son of its famous manager, MATT BUSBY. 23-year-old son SANDY doesn't seem to be as good a soccer player as his dad was. Sandy has been given a free transfer by BLACKBURN ROVERS.

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BRAWLS CAUSE BAN IN CANBERRA

Association Moves to Clean Up Game

As a result of brawls and incidents in recent soccer matches, the Australian Capital Territory Soccer Association Canberra has cancelled this season's remaining matches.

The Association published an advertisement to this effect in the "Canberra Times."

The advertisement linked the cancellation to "further incidents involving both players and spectators at Manuka Oval last Sunday," and said that the Committee was taking this step with "extreme reluctance."

Police arrested two spectators after the rowdy, violent outbreak at Manuka.

A soccer official said that continuation of the competition would have done Canberra soccer more harm than good.

"More incidents like that of last Sunday could mean the death of soccer here," he said.

According to the advertisement, the Canberra Association still hoped to play the semi-finals and final of the Roberston Cup during the latter part of September.

OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES

Saturday, August 22—
George Cross v. Polonia.
Sunday, August 23—
Poland v. Australia (1.30 p.m.).
Malta v. Scotland (3.00 p.m.).
Saturday, August 29—
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.
Sunday, August 30—
Italy v. England (replay).

FORMER REFEREE VERNON DIES

Mr. William (Bill) Vernon, well-known former Victorian referee, passed away last week.

Mr. Vernon was only 56 years old at the time of his death, which was caused by complications resulting from his war service.

He was an active referee until about seven years ago, and held various posts in the Referees' Association.

FEDERATION WILL EXPEL UNRULY CLUBS

The Sydney Federation has declared "war" on soccer clubs whose players or supporters indulge in brawls and attacks on referees and linesmen.

"Clubs guilty of misconduct or scandal will have to get out," said Mr. Eddie Princi, Secretary of the Federation, last week. "Even if the competitions are reduced by ten teams, strong action will be taken against offenders."

Mr. Princi's statement followed brawls and attacks on referees which occurred at Liverpool and Glebe.

Two clubs, Pan Hellenic and Juventus, have been suspended pending further investigation of these outbreaks of violence.

Pan Hellenic was heavily fined and cautioned over a similar incident in April, when referee Ray Iredale was allegedly attacked at Waverley Oval as he left the field.

At that time, it was recommended to the Federation Management Committee that Pan Hellenic be expelled in the event of similar occurrences involving the club.

Juventus was recently disqualified for life, but was re-instated after an appeal.

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With Malta v. Scots This Sunday

LOLLY VELLA, seen here when playing for Victoria against Queensland, will appear for Malta against Scotland in Sunday's World Cup quarter-final.

WILHELMINA LOOKS HOME AND HOSED

Geelong Could Be In Trouble Now

Wilhelmina needs to win only one of its remaining matches and keep its goal average in a reasonably good state of repair to win the State League championship.

The Dutchmen should get at least 3 out of the 6 possible points in their last three rounds, in which they meet Polonia once and Juventus twice.

However, they can't afford to put a foot wrong. If Juventus manages to beat Wilhelmina in both matches, the unique possibility exists that every team in the "four" could finish equal on 34 points and the flag would be decided on goal average.

In this rather unlikely event, George Cross, whose remaining programme could yield the best goal average, could win the championship.

But while all these "ifs" and "buts" must be taken into consideration when figuring out the possibilities, we still think Wilhelmina is home and hosed.

NEW HOPE FOR 'SCRAY

Footscray's win over Geelong last week earned the club a reprieve, perhaps only temporary, from the finality of relegation.

Footscray is now only one point behind Geelong, and one of them must go down with Yarra Park.

Both have hard schedules in the last three rounds, and it may not depend on which team wins the most, but which team suffers the least, in the last run for home.

LAST SUNDAY'S EPIC

The all-time record crowd for a league match—12,000—that saw last Sunday's match between Juventus and George Cross certainly got its money's worth.

The previous week, Slavia gave Juventus a torrid time in a pacy, hard-hitting 1-1 draw, but George Cross managed to lift the speed, the vigor, and the temperature even higher. The result was a scorching thriller.

On both occasions, Juventus had to come from behind to draw, and they were both creditable performances.

Pepe Cubero, Graham Oughton, Monty Tomblyn, and the "Terrible Trio" — Frangione, Picinich, and Marini — were prominent for Juventus, and Yunkovic, Vince Muscat, Tony and Lolly Vella, Danny Catania, Bill Copeland, and McVean never stopped trying for George Cross.

TOUGH PROGRAMME

Juventus still faces Polonia, Wilhelmina twice, a World Cup replay against England—other teams supply a few of the players for Italy—the Dockerty Cup series, and the State League Finals, a really tough programme.

If Juventus loses to Wilhelmina today, it will lose its last hope of the premiership. Nobody then would blame the team if it relaxed to some extent in its remaining two league matches and saved its strength for the finals.

Apart from today's Wilhelmina-Juventus clash, most interest will lie in the matches involving Geelong and Footscray.

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Soccer Carnival for Charity at F.N.D.

The Six-a-side tournament scheduled to take place at Flinders Naval Depot on Sunday, September 27, in aid of the Alfred Hospital appeal, will be a real Soccer Festival.

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LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Moreland d. J.U.S.T., 3-1.
Hakoah d. Yarra Park, 8-0.
Polonia drew with Slavia, 0-0.
Juventus drew with George Cross, 2-2.
Wilhelmina d. Box Hill, 3-0.
Footscray d. Geelong, 3-0.

State League Reserves

J.U.S.T. d. Moreland, 1-0.
Polonia d. Slavia, 3-2.
Juventus d. George Cross, 4-0.
Wilhelmina d. Box Hill, 4-1.
Footscray d. Geelong, 3-1.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Sunshine City d. Hellenic, 3-2.
Preston d. Corio, 8-2.
Croatia d. Coburg, 4-2.
Lions-Hayduk d. Sicilia, 5-2.
Maccabi d. Brunswick, 4-0.

Second Division

St. Albans d. Fairfield, 2-1.
Williamstown d. Heidelberg, 4-1.
I.C.I. d. Collingwood, 3-1.
University d. Essendon, 3-1.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Melbourne d. Park Rangers, 6-0.
Richmond drew with Vic. Police, 2-2.
Yallourn d. Brighton, 3-1.
Prahran drew with South Yarra, 1-1.

Second Division

Austria d. Croydon, 4-0.
Sandringham d. F.N.D., 7-2.
Moorabbin d. Ferntree Gully, 5-2.
Frankston d. Bayswater, 9-0.
Rosebud d. Oakleigh, walk-over.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

Fiorentina d. Lions-Hayduk, 4-2.
Sandringham d. University, 4-0.
Maccabi drew with Frankston, 4-4.
Preston d. Hellenic, 2-0.
Sunshine City d. Coburg, 8-0.

First Division South

Melbourne d. Park Rangers, 4-0.
South Melbourne drew Dandenong, 2-2.
Brighton drew with Yallourn, 3-3.
South Yarra d. Prahran, 9-1.
Richmond, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Norlane Olympia d. Melita, 6-1.
Bendigo d. Yarraville, walk-over.
North Richmond d. Hollandia, 4-3.
Trident d. Makedonia, 4-1.

DOCKERTY CUP

(THIRD ROUND RE-PLAY)

South Melbourne d. Moonee Ponds, 3-1.

ARMSTRONG CUP

(THIED ROUND)

Hakoah d. Richmond, 5-4.

This Week

STATE LEAGUE
STATE LEAGUE RES.

J.U.S.T. v. Footscray.
Hakoah v. Moreland.
Slavia v. Yarra Park.
George Cross v. Polonia.
Wilhelmina v. Juventus.
Geelong v. Box Hill.

DOCKERTY CUP

(Fourth Round)

South Melbourne v. Croatia.
Moorabbin City v. Melbourne.
Lions-Hayduk v. Yallourn.
Dandenong City v. Sunshine City.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Preston v. Sicilia.
Corio v. Brunswick.

Second Division.

Essendon v. Collingwood.
Williamstown v. Fiorentina.
Moonee Ponds v. St. Albans.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

Richmond v. Prahran.

Second Division.

Bayswater v. Ferntree Gully.
Sandringham City v. Frankston.
F.N.D. v. Oakleigh.

First Division Reserves.

(NORTH)

No. Matches.

First Division Reserves.

SOUTH)

Prahran v. Richmond.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

Bendigo v. Seymour.

TOMORROW

Olympic Park.
MALTA v. SCOTLAND (3.0 p.m.)
POLAND v. AUSTRALIA (1.30)

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE
State League Reserves.

Geelong v. J.U.S.T.
Footcray v. Hakoah.
Moreland v. Slavia.
Yarra Park v. George Cross.
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.
Juventus v. Box Hill.

Sunday International

(REPLAY, SUNDAY)

ITALY V. ENGLAND.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Maccabi v. Corio.
Preston v. Hellenic.
Sunshine City v. Sicilia.
Lyons-Hayduk v. Coburg.
Croatia v. Brunswick.

Second Division.

Moonee Ponds v. Williamstown.
Heidelberg v. St. Albans.
Fairfield v. University.
Essendon v. I.C.I.
Collingwood v. Fiorentina.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

South Yarra v. Richmond.
Vic. Police v. Melbourne.
Park Rangers v. Yallourn.
Brighton v. Dandenong.
Sth. Melbourne v. Prahran.

Second Division.

Rosebud v. F.N.D.
Sandringham v. Croydon.
Austria v. Frankston.
Bayswater v. Moorabbin.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

Coburg v. Sandringham.
University v. Lions-Hayduk.
Fiorentina v. Preston.
Hellenic v. Maccabi.
Frankston v. Sunshine City.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

Richmond v. South Yarra.
Yallourn v. Park Rangers.
Dandenong v. Brighton.
Prahran v. South Melbourne.
Melbourne—Bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Bendigo v. Norlane Olympia.
Melita v. Seymour.
Olympia v. North Richmond.
Hollandia v. Trident.

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	P.
Wilhelmina	19	15	2	2	80	32	32
Juventus	19	12	4	3	42	19	28
George Cross	19	12	4	3	50	25	28
Hakoah	19	13	2	4	47	25	28
Slavia	19	9	5	5	36	28	23
Polonia	19	8	6	4	34	26	22
Moreland	19	8	2	9	54	35	18
J.U.S.T.	19	6	4	9	48	41	16
Box Hill	19	5	2	12	20	51	12
Geelong	19	3	4	12	26	50	9
Footscray	19	1	6	12	27	64	8
Yarra Park	19	1	2	16	27	95	4

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Wilhelmina	16	13	2	1	57	15	28
Hakoah	14	11	1	2	43	18	23
Geelong	16	8	1	7	35	23	19
Juventus	15	8	2	5	36	20	18
Polonia	16	7	4	5	23	21	18
J.U.S.T.	15	8	1	6	58	27	17
Moreland	16	6	4	6	27	23	16
Box Hill	15	7	1	7	36	31	15
George Cross	16	5	3	8	25	38	13
Footscray	16	5	1	10	20	40	11
Slavia	16	2	3	11	29	53	7
Yarra Park	15	0	1	14	3	83	1

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Lions-Hayduk	14	11	1	2	46	12	23
Croatia	14	10	2	2	42	20	22
Preston	13	9	2	2	44	14	20
Sunshine City	14	8	0	6	34	27	16
Sicilia	14	6	2	6	38	24	14
Maccabi	15	6	1	8	31	42	13
Coburg	14	4	4	6	27	32	12
Hellenic	15	5	1	9	28	34	11
Corio	14	4	1	9	18	35	9
Brunswick	13	0	0	13	7	75	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Fiorentina	13	10	1	2	40	11	22
University	15	9	3	3	40	24	21
Moonee Ponds	12	9	0	3	33	16	18
Essendon	14	8	0	6	27	24	16
St. Albans	14	6	1	7	27	32	13
I.C.I.	15	5	2	8	31	44	12
Fairfield	14	4	3	7	28	26	11
Williamstown	14	4	2	8	21	32	10
Heidelberg	15	4	2	9	20	46	10
Collingwood	14	3	1	10	25	37	7

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	14	13	1	0	87	18	27
Richmond	13	9	1	3	52	15	19
Yallourn	14	9	1	4	50	31	19
South Melbourne	13	8	1	4	36	20	17
Brighton	13	7	1	5	33	25	15
Dandenong	13	5	1	7	41	43	11
South Yarra	14	4	1	9	26	47	9
Prahran	14	3	2	9	20	55	8
Park Rangers	14	3	0	11	23	65	6
Vic. Police	14	1	3	10	18	67	5

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Sandringham	14	12	2	0	40	21	26
Frankston	14	9	2	3	48	25	20
Austria	14	8	2	4	51	34	18
Oakleigh	14	6	4	4	24	15	16
Moorabbin	14	5	3	6	30	40	13
Rosebud	15	6	0	9	28	39	12
Bayswater	14	4	3	7	29	40	11
F.N.D.	13	4	2	7	29	43	10
Ferntree Gully	13	4	0	9	37	31	8
Croydon	15	3	0	12	26	54	6

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Sunshine City	15	11	2	2	41	17	24
Lions-Hayduk	15	11	1	3	44	18	23
Fiorentina	15	9	2	4	43	23	20
Frankston	15	8	3	4	45	29	19
Preston	15	7	3	5	45	28	17
Maccabi	15	7	2	6	52	34	16
Coburg	15	7	2	6	30	33	16
Hellenic	15	4	0	11	26	51	8
Sandringham	15	3	0	12	18	48	6
University	15	0	1	14	7	80	1

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	15	13	1	1	77	20	27
Richmond	14	11	2	1	48	18	24
Dandenong	15	8	3	4	40	27	19
Park Rangers	15	8	1	6	26	31	17
Brighton	15	7	2	6	34	30	16
Yallourn	15	5	5	5	37	44	15
South Melbourne	15	6	7	8	34	42	13
South Yarra	15	5	1	9	28	44	11
Prahran	14	3	0	11	15	83	6

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Norlane-Olymp.	15	10	3	2	49	23	23
North Richmond	14	9	4	1	57	22	22
Seymour	13	8	3	2	31	15	19
Makedonia	15	8	2	5	30	23	18
Olympia	14	8	1	5	33	22	17
Trident	14	7	3	4	33	27	17
Melita	15	5	2	8	26	41	12
Bendigo	12	3	3	6	23	31	9
Hollandia	15	2	0	13	29	51	4
Yarraville	15	0	1	14	3	59	1

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THREE LEADERS KEEP PLACES INTACT

Pennant Race at Vital Stage

League leaders, Lions, Croatia, and Preston maintained their positions on the ladder in that order when each won its respective match in convincing style last week.

Lions still lead Croatia by one point, but the pennant winner will not be known until these two have met, and, with their postponed match of May 30, THEY MUST PLAY EACH OTHER TWICE!

However, if either team fails to win all of its four remaining matches, Preston could step in and win both the flag and the promotion that goes with it.

Coburg's failure against Croatia leaves the club in plenty of trouble. Its last four opponents are Lions, Preston, and Sunshine City twice—a tough schedule.

Coburg's danger could come from a rise by Corio, second last at the moment but with a string of comparatively easy fixtures before the end of the season—Brunswick twice, Maccabi, and Hellenic.

Maccabi used Brunswick as a stepping stone to safety last week, and Corio could do the same at the expense of either Coburg or Hellenic.

The Preston-Sicilia and Corio-Brunswick matches deferred from May 30 will be played today, while Lions, Croatia, and Sunshine City meet their Dockerty Cup engagements.

The opponents of Lions and Croatia in these ties are Yallourn and South Melbourne, both Cup specialists, and these FIRST SOUTH teams could win.

Sunshine City, also a Cup specialist, could be FIRST NORTH'S sole Cup survivor after its tie with Dandenong today.

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

UP WITH THE SENIORS

Richmond's new right-winger Jakob Wekkeli, has had his trot with the Reserves and looked so good that he will play with the senior side against Prahran today. 18-year-old Guenther Gerick may also play with the seniors after a sojourn with the Seconds.

PRAHRAN STILL IN DANGER OF DROP

Park Rangers May Yet Survive

Prahran's draw with South Yarra last week left Park Rangers with a 2-point deficit and only four rounds in which to close the gap.

But on present form, Prahran could fail to get a point out of its hard schedule in the closing rounds, whereas the Rangers have an outside chance of getting the needed two points plus the lifesaving goal percentage.

Prahran must meet South Melbourne, Brighton, and Richmond twice. Rangers have yet to play Yallourn, South Melbourne, and Dandenong twice, and it is from their home game with Dandenong that the Rangers might get the points essential for survival.

The single point that South Yarra received for its draw with Prahran was probably the most valuable point it has earned this season, for South Yarra has the hardest schedule of all in the remaining games — Richmond, Yallourn, and Melbourne twice—and it may be proven later that last week's lone point may have saved South Yarra from relegation.

Last week's surprise — a pleasant one because it changed nothing and hurt nobody—was the success of Victoria Police in drawing 2-all with Richmond.

Either the Police played a blinder, or Richmond weakened its league team to strengthen its Armstrong Cup side for its match against Hakoah.

South Melbourne beat Moonee Ponds in their Cup replay, and will take its place in today's fourth round against Croatia.

Melbourne, Yallourn, and Dandenong are also in this round, and all should survive with the possible exception of Dandenong, who meets dangerous Cup specialist Sunshine City.

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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

MOORABBIN'S WATERLOO?

Moorabbin City, an unimpressive fiifth in its league, is the sole survivor of twenty Second Division teams in the Dockerty Cup. In today's fourth round, luck of the draw—or bad luck of the draw—matches City against Melbourne, who are undefeated this year in 17 league and Cup matches. So this looks like Moorabbin's Waterloo.

TOWNERS' SHOCK WIN UPSETS BURGHERS

Heidelberg Now in Serious Trouble

Last week, we plumped for Heidelberg to beat Williamstown and settle the relegation question in this league by opening up an unbridgable gap of four points between these two clubs.

The Towners took absolutely no notice whatsoever of this profound forecast and proceeded to thrash the Burghers 4-1, thus not only wiping out the previous 2-point difference between them, but topping Heidelberg by goal percentage on the ladder!

As soon as we heard this news last Saturday, we threw our crystal ball out of the window into the middle of St. Kilda Road, and will henceforth rely solely upon what the little bird tells us.

Both of these clubs have tough programmes for the rest of the season. and which one will survive is now in the lap of the gods.

With games in hand, Fiorentina now appears to have the pennant won. Included in its remaining fixtures are Collingwood, Essendon, and Williamstown twice, and on the season's form and its goal average of 40 to 11, it is very hard to see the Florence Flowers tossed.

The runner-up position is still open, but current holder University has only a 3-point advantage over Moonee Ponds. Since the students have only three matches to play while the Swampies have six, odds favour Moonee Ponds.

Even so, the final decision may rest on the last game of the season in which Moonee Ponds—on its home ground—plays University.

St. Albans continued its impressive run of wins by downing Fairfield 2-1, and it makes one wonder what the present ladder positions would have been if St. Albans had struck form in the first half of the season.

THE HAMMERS HAVE GOT IT MADE

Frankston, Austria in the Picture

By DON SUTHERLAND

Sandringham City took another step toward a place in First Division next year—by a runaway 7-2 victory over F.N.D. last week, and now look certain to take the league pennant.

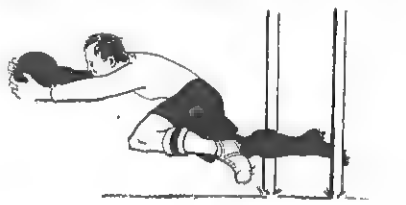
A neck-and-neck struggle for the runner-up spot is taking place between Frankston and Austria with only two points the difference.

Frankston's visit to Hampton today for their first encounter with undefeated Sandringham City could well result in the best match of the season. That the Frankston team is in top form is evidenced by their tally of nine goals without reply against Bayswater, but they will find the Hammers' tight defence a very different proposition. On past performances, Sandringham should win this game, but Frankston's recent efforts are ample grounds for optimism by the Baysiders.

Austria made no mistake last week in comfortably defeating Croydon 4-1 and will anxiously await the result of Frankston's game today as a guide to their prospects. With no league game for them today it will be no surprise to see many Austria followers giving Sandringham plenty of vocal support!

At the other end of the ladder Croydon appears doomed to finish at the bottom in spite of a revival of fortunes in recent matches. Ferntree Gully are also firmly placed in the relegation zone, being four points behind Rosebud. They have played two games less than the Peninsula team but will have to stage a striking return to form if they are to bridge the gap.

The last remaining Dockerty Cup contender, Moorabbin City, appears to face a hopeless task today when meeting Melbourne, the apparently invincible Hungarian combination, but they are to be congratulated on reaching the fourth round and their spirited brand of Cup tie football will ensure an exciting game.



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FACTS and FLY-KICKS

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Jim Balish will not appear for Slavia today. If you were to ask him why, he would tell you, shyly, that he ruined his boots in last Saturday's tough game against Polonia. But we can tell you, confidentally and happily, the real reason. Jim will marry Australian Sunshine girl, Miss Dawn Knight, today.

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Now Jim has two very important tasks in front of him—he must "break in" both a new pair of boots and a new wife. And along with the sincere good wishes of his club and fans goes this very good advice: If you don't want a new pair of boots to hurt you, and if you want them to wear well, you must treat them gently and with patience. The same applies to a wife. Have you got the message, Jim? . . . .

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Fifty per cent. of all of Richmond's goals this season have been scored by teenagers. 19-year-old inside-left Kurt Goettlicher is on top of his team's scoring list with 15 goals, followed by Matze Landherr, 18-year-old inside-right, with 10. Both of these lads are former St. Albans Juniors.

Preston has a very healthy chance of promotion to the State League for 1960. It depends on whether the Lions and Croatia cancel each other's chances or not when they meet each other twice. If Preston gets the flag, it will have no ground worries—the lease for an enclosed ground has already been obtained. Preston officials think that, after the necessary work and improvements are completed, it could be one of the best soccer grounds in Melbourne.

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For the first time, we were going to publish an unblushing piece of brag about our selection of Footscray to beat Geelong, and our accuracy in forecasting a 2-goal win for South Melbourne over Moonee Ponds in their Cup tie replay. Then we remembered what Williamstown did to our prediction about the result of their match with Heidelberg, and after a little more thought, we decided that we are probably wrong just as often as we are right. So the bragging is definitely out.

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Sunshine City's undefeated Under 16's may go over to Adelaide in September to play South Australia's Under 16 League Champions. If they go, it would be nice for them to be able to claim, when they return, that they are the undefeated, untied, and undisputed champions of their group in two States.

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Bayswater's sad slump in the second half of the season has not stopped the club from planning an end-of-season ball. Should get their soccer neighbours there, too—they've booked the Ferntree Gully Progress Hall, and Croydon is handy, too.

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Coburg have a new set of soccer-playing brothers, Paul, Charles, and Sam Tellus, and consider them to be valuable acquisitions.

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When Don Hawkins, Sandringham Reserve centre-forward and former Brighton Junior, was given his chance with the senior team, Jock Falconer, a club selector, stripped and took his place against Fiorentina Reserves. Jock scored the Hammers' only goal! Don also enjoyed success—in his second match with the seniors, he scored a hat-trick.

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Probably the cheapest first-class cabaret dance ever held by a soccer club will be held at the Brighton Town Hall on September 13—only 15/- a couple! The acts alone should be worth that, let alone the music, dancing, and supper. It will be Sandringham's Celebration Ball.

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We have debated, analysed, and argued in print for weeks about the Disciplinary Committee's decision for a replay of the North Richmond-Bendigo match until it became a thoroughly stale subject. We received yet another letter from Bendigo about it last week. And another one this week, asking why we didn't publish the one last week.. Let's call it finished, huh, Bendigo? Please?

NOTICE TO CLUBS

Clubs are reminded that all accounts are now due and payable to the Association, and must be finalised immediately.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WIN THRILLER

Tech. Schools Not Shamed in Shield Challenge

by LEN YOUNG

The Combined High Schools team earned the honour of being called the champion Soccer schoolboys when they put up a really good display to beat the Combined Technical Schools Eleven by 5 goals to 3.

Unfortunately, Olympic Park's No. 1 Oval was not fit for use, and the boys had to fight it out on the Yarra Park ground opposite.

In spite of a gale-force wind, the boys controlled a very lively ball with great skill, and attacks were made at both ends with consistent regularity and with surprisingly skilful play.

The Tech. School boys had the wind behind them in the first half, and were quickly on the attack, Winfield, a wing-half for Prahran Tech., feeding his inside-forwards with first-class passes; but the High School defence, with Blume (Springvale), and Colbourne (Heidelberg), in great form, put up an almost impassable barrier.

Strobbe (Dandenong), High Schools' centre-forward, cleverly put through by Licht (Dandenong), who was proving a veritable thorn in the side of the Tech. School defenders, had hard luck with a tremendous drive that passed just the wrong side of an upright.

The play then surged to the other end where a delightful pass by Tech. Schools' centre-forward Rocovalis gave Winkler (Sunshine) an opportunity he did not miss—first blood to Tech.

For a few minutes Tech. was on top, but the High Schools' defence, with goalkeeper Udvary (Dandenong) prominent, remained sound in spite of repeatedly clever moves from Tech. outside-left Leslie (Sunshine).

Once more winger Licht and his inside partner Rogers (Dandenong) succeeded in tangling the Tech. defence, and this time Strobbe made good the opportunity given him, equalising the score. Shortly afterwards, Colbard (Footscray) strolled through the High Schools' defence as coolly as a veteran and placed the ball past Udvary to give Tech. the lead once more.

High was not dismayed, and a fast move started by Shipley (Northcote), saw the final pass converted once again by Strobbe. This brought the teams level again, and it remained a draw at half-time.

The second half saw a repeat of the first half's speed and control with both elevens striving for a decider. First blood was drawn by Tech. when Rocovalis (Collingwood), after a fine individual run, made no mistake and swept Tech. into the lead.

High was not to be denied, however, and, with the wind helping them now, threw in attack after attack. The equaliser seemed inevitable, but when it did come it was almost in the form of a tragedy. Contin (Collingwood), the Tech. 'keeper, who had kept without a mistake until then, only half parried a shot from Strobbe and the ball hobbled over the goal-line to give High the third goal.

The last quarter of an hour found the High defence putting a stranglehold on the Tech. forwards, yet finding plenty of time in which to feed their own forwards, left-back Colbourne proving to be as good a feeder as a defender.

The High forwards, moving just as fast as at the beginning of the game, were now poundnig at their opponents' defence and here the coolness of left-back Mullen (Footscray) proved invaluable to the Tech. side. High's inside-forwards were really putting on the pressure, and Tech's defence, after heroic resistance, had to capitulate when Speight (Northcote) finished off a smart close-passing movement to put his team in front.

Another well taken goal by Shipley put the issue beyond doubt with only a few minutes to go, and so ended a really thrilling game, by far the best in the DUNKLING SHIELD series.

Who And What Is EDDIE PRINCI?

In almost every item of soccer news that reaches Victoria from Sydney, the name of Eddie Princi is prominent. It is a name unknown to many Victorian old-timers, and the question is often heard — "Who is Eddie Princi?"

Mr. Eddie Princi is an Italian, a University graduate who arrived in Australia in 1950, a penniless migrant.

His knowledge of languages — he speaks German, French, three Yugoslavian tongues, English, and his native Italian — helped him to get the job of chief clerk at the migrant centre at Greta, N.S.W.

He left Greta for Sydney in 1953, and tried his hand at taxi-driving, reporting for a foreign-language newspaper, and finally as an agent.

It was during this period that he became Secretary of the Prague Football Club, and when the breakaway Federation was organised, he was elected Secretary of the new body.

When the Federation succeeded to the control of soccer in New South Wales, Eddie Princi was the natural choice for Secretary of the new major organisation.

Princi regards soccer as a splendid means of assisting new migrants socially, and promoting their assimilation into their new life in Australia.

"Migrants make many Australian friends through soccer," says Princi, "and it is on these friendships that I consider the foundations of assimilation rest.

"In one year alone, I have helped more than 300 New Australian soccer players and supporters to become naturalised."

The Federation has a great deal of confidence in Eddie Princi, and he has made two trips abroad in the past 18 months as the Federation's representative.

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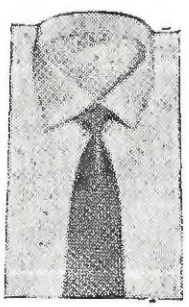


THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

An Under 14 select team from St. George Junior Soccer Association (Sydney) will pay a return visit to Melbourne and be the guests of the V.A.S.F.A. Junior Committee during the period August 28 to September 2. The party consists of 13 boys and two officials. They will be accompanied by approximately 12 supporters who will be accommodated in the Victoria Hotel, City. The boys will be billeted privately.

St. George Team: Brian Probert (goalkeeper), J. Goddard (right-back), R. Saunders (left-back), K. Burt (right-half), R. Podmore (centre-half), M. Grant (left-half), R. Lewis (outside-right), R. Greenfield (inside-right), C. Masters (centre-forward), R. Cole (inside-left), W. Girdlestone (outside-left), J. Shooter (utility), E. Berry (reserve-half). Officials.—Manager: Mr. E. Lewis; assistant-manager: Mr. W. Saunders; coach: Mr. Sam Burtenshaw.

The St. George team will play three matches during their stay in Victoria: On August 29 v. Victoria at Olympic Park; August 31 v. Victoria at Middle Park; September 1 v. Latrobe Valley at Yallourn.

UNDER 14 CUP FINAL

Essendon 4, Sunshine City 1, played at Olympic Park:

Essendon had a strong, blustery wind at their backs in the first half. From the kick-off Sunshine pressed home an attack which was eventually cleared by the 'Dons' tiny goalie, Gilbert Nickson.

Long clearances by City's defenders against the wind had the Essendon defence in trouble, and with both City wingers playing well, the Essendon goal had some narrow escapes before the pint-sized 'Don's goalie, Nickson, again saved and cleared. Docherty saved for City and Molloy, in great form, passed to White on the left wing, Nickson again saving brilliantly.

From the resumption, City attacked down the right and in the goalmouth melee Nickson dived twice to hold the ball and clear. At the other end, clearances by Robertson temporarily relieved pressure before Rossetto again netted to complete his hat-trick.

A fast raid down the right wing was converted by Ellis to make the score four-nil for Essendon. Brown, attempting to clear a shot crossing the line, netted an own goal to score for City.

Mr. Paul, V.A.S.F.A. Acting Chairman, presented the winners with pennants and the J. J. Liston Cup. Thanking both teams for an excellent game, he complimented them on the high standard of soccer displayed, saying it was the best junior game he had seen for a long time. Then he lifted the diminutive Essendon goalie, Gilbert Nickson, who was given a great ovation by the crowd.

JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	15	15	0	0	30
South Melbourne	15	10	1	4	21
Essendon	15	10	0	5	20
Brooklyn Hostel	15	10	0	5	20
Sunshine City	15	8	2	5	18
Broadmeadows Hostel	15	7	3	5	17
Williamstown Hostel	15	5	2	8	12
Preston Hostel	15	3	2	9	8

UNDER 14 (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Trident	14	12	1	1	25
Sunshine City	14	12	0	2	24
Lions-Hayduk	14	8	1	5	17
Brooklyn Hostel	14	4	1	9	9
Maribyrnong Hostel	14	4	1	9	9

UNDER 14 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
St. Kilda	14	13	0	1	26
Brighton	14	10	0	4	20
Essendon	14	9	0	5	18
South Melbourne	14	7	0	7	14

UNDER 16 (NORTH).

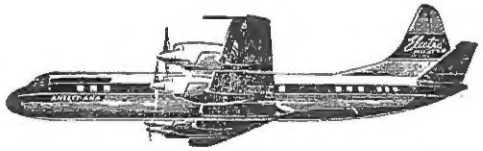
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	13	12	0	1	24
Essendon	13	11	1	1	23
Ajax	13	6	3	4	15
South Melbourne	13	6	3	4	15
Wesley College	13	5	3	5	13
South Yarra	13	5	2	6	12

UNDER 16 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Dandenong City	13	12	0	1	24
Moorabbin City	13	11	1	1	23
Box Hill	13	8	0	5	16
Bayswater	13	6	2	5	14
Heidelberg	12	4	1	7	9
Preston T.S.O.B.	13	4	0	9	8
Croydon	12	4	0	8	8

UNDER 18.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	14	13	0	1	26
Box Hill	13	10	2	1	22
St. Kilda	13	6	4	3	16
Coburg United	13	5	3	5	13
Preston T.S.O.B.	13	5	2	6	12
Fairfield	13	3	2	8	8
Army Apprentices	12	2	2	8	6
Tullamarine United	9	0	0	6	0



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Essendon v. Brooklyn Hostel.
South Melbourne v. Sunshine City.
Williamstown Hostel v. Olympia.
Byes: Preston Hostel and Broadmeadows Hostel.

NO UNDER 14 MATCHES.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

South Melbourne v. Wesley College.
Essendon v. Ajax.
South Yarra v. Sunshine City.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Moorabbin City v. Croydon.
Dandenong City v. Heidelberg.
Box Hill v. Preston T.S.O.B.

UNDER 18

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Box Hill v. St. Kilda (at Olympic Park).

UNDER 14 INTER-STATE TOUR MATCH

Victoria v. St. George J.S.A. (at Olympic Park).

AUGUST 31st

Victoria v. St. George J.S.A. (at Middle Park).

MAIL-BAG

FIRST SOCCER LEAGUE

Sir,—Regarding the soccer article by Russell Lea in your issue of April 8, I should like to clarify one point.

I have attended soccer matches since 1886, and I believe that the following teams comprised the league formed in 1888:—

Smallheath (later known as Birmingham), Sunderland, Preston North End, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Aston Villa, Everton, Bolton Wanderers, Derby County, Notts County, Burnley, Stoke, and Blackburn Rovers.

Accrington Stanley and West Bromwich Albion, mentioned in the article, were not in the original league formed in 1888, but came into the league when it was extended to 14 teams.—Yours, etc.,

W. E. BINYON, Senior.
South Yarra Soccer Club.

NICK'S LAST LETTER

Sir,—Wiith reference to the letter signed by Dutch Soccer Fans which appeared in last Saturday's "Soccer News," I wish to point out that those bottle-throwers are not considered to be George Cross supporters at all, and we have always said that it was up to the police to teach them how to behave.

It looked a bit strange, too, that Dutch Soccer Fans did not appeal to the Wilhelmina Committee to teach their players some decent manners, such as not to kick their opponents, especially when they are lying helpless on the ground.

About your Editor's Note following last week's second letter on the subject, I wish to point out that no soccer club should approach the Arena Manager with suggestions. I wrote twice to the said Manager, but nothing was done.

My second letter he just passed on to "Soccer News," which only gives the club more bad publicity.—Yours, etc.,

NICK.
Abbotsford.

[If a club wants certain action taken at Olympic Park it can and should approach the proper authorities, either direct, through the Council, or through the League Management Committee. Mr. Beaton is not the Arena Manager, and when he received a letter from an unofficial source on a public matter, he naturally thought it was for "Soccer News." Knowing how hard the present Committee of George Cross has worked to win respect for their club and for their community, we thought we were being helpful by publishing it. Since Nick doesn't agree with anything we do, this is the last letter from him that will be published.—EDITOR.]

WANTS TEAMS LISTED

Sir,—Since "Soccer News" became such a wonderful magazine, thousands of soccer fans are very happy indeed.

I am one of them, but I am disappointed in one respect—I miss the line-ups of the teams very much, and so do many others.

It is perhaps hard to get sufficient information from the club secretaries before the matches, but after the games it should be easy to get team sheets.

You bring us last week's results in every issue, then why not last week's teams—at least of the State League? It would help us to know our players better.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN DUERR.
Richmond.

[Of the 62 senior soccer teams in action — not counting reserves — an average of only 5 team lists are received weekly, and it is silly to list one or two teams from 6 leagues. And since many players and positions are changed each week, it would not help the fans much to use space on last week's players.—EDITOR.]

TEAM WALKS OFF IN GEELONG

Five minutes before the end of their match, Macedonia walked off the field when they disagreed with a decision of the referee. The score was 1-1 at the time.

	W.	D.	L	F.	A.	P.
Scottish S.C.	12	1	1	71	11	25
British S.C.	11	0	3	50	23	22
Macedonia	11	1	2	62	14	21
Zagreb	10	0	4	59	12	20
DSG I	7	0	7	31	35	14
Olympia	6	0	8	25	25	12
Croatia	4	2	8	27	27	10
Corio I	5	0	9	27	51	10
DSG II	2	0	12	6	77	4

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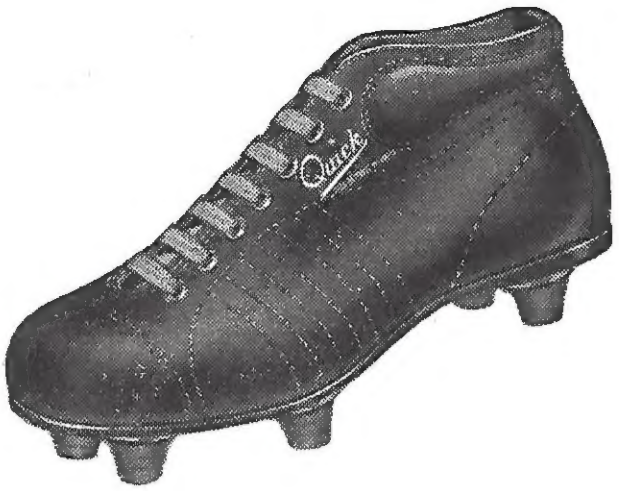

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